

Claim 28 has been amended from dependent form to independent, incorporating elements of claim 26 (now cancelled) but leaving out elements of claim 27. Therefore, the scope of claim 28 has been broadened. Amended claim 28 recites receiving a pen-based input at a first display and hingedly connecting one of the first display and the second display to a base unit.

Claim 35 has also been amended into independent from, incorporating elements of base claim 34 (now cancelled). The amendment to claim 35 has not changed its scope. Amended claim 35 calls for a second display adapted to receive a pen-based input and at least one hinge to couple one of the first and second displays to a unit.

Batio does not teach receiving a pen-based input and a hinge connection between a display and the base unit. Specifically, Batio describes two embodiments that have split screen displays, neither of which teach both of the above-stated limitations. The Examiner has taken distinct, non-interchangeable teachings by Batio and piecemealed them together to make the rejection. However, Batio never suggests the combination that the Examiner relies on to make the rejection. The two embodiments of split screen displays that the Examiner relies on are depicted in Figures 12 and 19. As stated, these two embodiments are distinct, with no indication provided anywhere in Batio that the parts of the two different embodiments are intended to be interchangeable.

Given that the two embodiments are distinct, it becomes clear that Batio does not teach the combination of receiving a pen-based input on a display *and* a hinged connection of a display to a base unit. For the embodiment of Fig. 12, Batio teaches keyboard-based input but not pen-based input. For the embodiment of Fig. 19, there is no teaching of hingedly connecting one of the first and second displays to a unit containing a keyboard. In Figure 19, the keyboard is shown as being completely detached from the screen. Thus, there is no teaching of an attachment such as a hinge in the split screen computer embodiment.

In sum, Batio does not present teachings of each and every limitation of the present invention, or the combination thereof. In other words, neither embodiment described by Batio contains each and every limitation of the claimed invention. Moreover, Batio does not suggest the combination of his teachings, nor is there any motivation to combine absent the Examiner's hindsight. Thus, Batio does not anticipate the claimed invention.

Further, with respect to claim 31, Batio does not teach folding the first and second displays onto the base unit to form a tablet, with the first display unit remaining *exposed* to



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receive pen-based input. Similarly, with respect to claim 38, the first display and second display are foldable onto a keyboard to provide a pen-based tablet arrangement in which the second display remains exposed and is adapted to receive the pen-based input, an arrangement not suggested at all by Batio.

In view of the above explanation, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection. Accordingly, the independent claims 28 and 35 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

No additional fees are believed to be required due to this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MICT-0094-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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The claims have been amended as follows:

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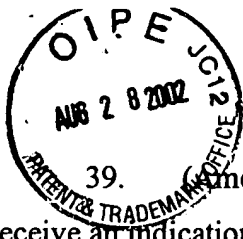
28. (Amended) [The method of claim 27, further] A method comprising:  
providing a computer having a first display, a second display, and a base unit  
containing a keyboard, the unit separate from the first and second displays;  
providing the first display to face in a first direction;  
providing a second display to face in substantially the first direction;  
receiving a pen-based input at the first display;  
receiving an input at the keyboard; and  
hingedly connecting one of the first display and the second display to the base  
unit.

32. (Amended) The method of claim [26] 28, further comprising:  
displaying an image in the second display [in response to] concurrently with  
receiving the pen-based input at the first display.

Please cancel claim 34.

35. (Amended) [The computer system of claim 34, further] A computer system  
comprising:  
a unit containing a keyboard;  
a first display adapted to display a raster image, the first display facing in a first  
direction;  
a second display adapted to receive a pen-based input, the second display facing  
substantially in the first direction,  
wherein the unit is separate from the first and second displays; and  
at least one hinge to couple one of the first and second displays to the unit.

37. (Amended) The computer system of claim [34] 35, wherein the first display is  
hingedly connected to the second display.



39. (amended) The computer system of claim [34] 35, wherein the unit is adapted to receive an indication of the pen-based input from the second display.

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